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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S RETURN FOR CONSULTATIONS

REF STATE 303454

1. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, I THANKED HIM
IN YOUR BEHALF FOR RECEIVING ROY ATHERTON ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.
I ALSO ASKED THAT HE CONVEY YOUR THANKS TO SADAT.
ATHERTON HAD GIVEN YOU A FULL REPORT OF HIS TALKS
IN CAIRO.

2. AS A RESULT, YOU HAVE NOW REQUESTED ME AND

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AMBASSADOR MURPHY TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER

REVIEW AND TALKS ON US POLICY IN THE UNSC. A MEETING WITH YOU HAS BEEN SCHEDULED JANUARY 5-6, AFTER WHICH I WILL RETURN TO CAIRO AT ONCE. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO KEEP IN TOUCH ON THE UPCOMING DEBATE IN THE UNSC.

3. I REITERATED ATHERTON'S COMMENTS THAT THE UNSC PROCEEDING SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD PREJUDICE FURTHER NEGOTIATING POSSIBILITIES AND OPTIONS. THE UNSC, IN OUR VIEW, COULD REAFFIRM 242 AND 338. ATTEMPTING TO GO BEYOND THIS WOULD UNDERMINE GENEVA FRAMEWORK AND WOULD ONLY RESULT IN STALEMATE AND STAGNATION AND FUTURE NEGOTIATING OPTIONS WOULD BE CLOSED. ATHERTON HAD ALSO INDICATED LIMITATIONS INVOLVED IN UNSC AS WE SEE IT. WE ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE FURTHER IDEAS AND CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE SITUATION. FINALLY, I INVITED FAHMY TO GIVE ME ANY ADDITIONAL VIEWS HE MIGHT HAVE PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE JANUARY 4.

4. FAHMY COMMENTED THAT HE HAD EXPECTED ME TO BE CALLED BACK ON CONSULTATIONS. HE AGAIN WANTED OUR SPECIFIC IDEAS AND NOTED THAT ATHERTON COULD SIMPLY SAY THAT THEY ARE STILL BEING FORMULATED. IN ABSENCE KNOWLEDGE OF EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW GOE COULD HELP. HE AGAIN REITERATED WE SHOULD AVOID EXCESSIVE USE OF THE VETO WHICH WILL SERIOUSLY HURT US AND OUR FRIENDS. WE SHOULD FIND SOME WAY TO ABSTAIN, IF WE POSSIBLY CAN, WHEN RESOLUTION DOES NOT MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS. SUCH ABSTENTION WOULD IN NO WAY COMMIT US.
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